

Agenda

Investigative Hearing (June 23-24, 2015)

In the matter of the investigation of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Metrorail (WMATA) train 302 that encountered heavy smoke in the tunnel between the L'Enfant Plaza Station and the Potomac River Bridge on January 12, 2015, about 3:15 p.m. eastern standard time.

Day 1: June 23 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Chairman's Opening Statement (9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.)

- Chairman's Opening Statement
- Investigator-in-Charge Opening Presentation

Panel 1: State of WMATA's Infrastructure (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Witness Panel

- Clay Bunting, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- Paul Miller, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- Randall Grooman, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- Marshall S. Epler, P.E., Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- Teddy Kavaleri, District of Columbia Office of Unified Communications

Issue Areas

- Traction Power Cables
 - History of cable maintenance programs (lifecycle, cleaning, monitoring, replacement)
 - Status of current cable programs
- Water Intrusion
 - Strategy of dealing with water intrusion and recurring leakage
 - Prioritization of leak repairs within WMATA's infrastructure maintenance
- Ventilation
 - Ventilation design standards
 - Design purpose of ventilation system and mitigation strategies
 - Ventilation fan usage strategy and ventilation effectiveness in emergency situations

- Communications
 - WMATA and District of Columbia radio systems, including maintenance and performance

Panel 2: Emergency Response Efforts (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Witness Panel

- Deputy Chief Derron Hawkins, District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services
- Stephen Williams, District of Columbia Office of Unified Communications
- Chief Scott Goldstein, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services
- Ronald Bodmer, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- Hercules Ballard, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Issue Areas

- Emergency response activities in response to the train in the tunnel and the heavy smoke
- Interagency communication and coordination
- Emergency responder training, both large scale exercises and hands-on familiarization with equipment
- Protocols for emergency response used by DC and WMATA
- Experiences of another jurisdiction concerning training, familiarization, and communication

Day 2: June 24 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Panel 3: WMATA's Organizational Culture (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Witness Panel

- Robert Troup, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- Chief Ronald Pavlik, Jr., Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
- Joseph Giuliatti, Metro-North Railroad
- James Madaras, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 689

Issue Areas

- WMATA's organizational culture on safety
- WMATA's advances as a result of previous accidents

- Organizational structure and communication across the organization
- Experience of Metro-North Railroad

Panel 4: FTA and Tri-State Oversight Committees Efforts for Public Transportation Safety (1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Witness Panel

- Thomas Littleton, Federal Transit Administration
- Klara Baryshev, Tri-State Oversight Committee
- Robert Lauby, P.E., Federal Railroad Administration
- David Keay, Office of Rail Regulations, United Kingdom

Issue Areas

- State oversight of rail transit
- Safety oversight efforts of WMATA by the Tri-State Oversight Committee
- Federal Transit Administration's role in ensuring consistent rail transit oversight
- Review regulatory oversight requirements and experiences of the Federal Railroad Administration and an international rail organization

Chairman's Closing Statements (4:30 p.m.)